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166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard
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Delaware Air Guard Open House & Air Show Oct. 14

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

On Saturday Oct. 14 the Delaware Air National Guard celebrates their 60th Anniversary year of service with an Open House and Air Show, a once-a-decade special event last held in 1996.

The all day event, free and open to the public, starts 8:00 a.m.; activities end at 5:00 p.m. and gates close at 6:00 p.m.

The Air Show runs 1:00-4:00 p.m. with 15 flying aircraft and 27 static display aircraft. Scheduled aerial demon-

strations include fly-bys of modern and vintage military and civilian aircraft, from fighters to transports and helicopters, plus military aerobatic acts and more.

The thousands of expected visitors will see demonstrations and exhibits by units of the Air and Army National Guard and the Air Force, showcasing their mission, people, and capabilities. Various activities will educate and entertain kids., with plenty of food and drink for a fee.

The annual Special Olympics Delaware Plane Pull competition occurs 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Over a dozen teams from

local organizations assemble on the flightline to compete in a fun-filled test of strength to pull a C-130 transport aircraft a set distance in the fastest time.

From 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner, the Commander-in-Chief of the Delaware National Guard, will perform a pass and review of a formation of 400 Airmen and Soldiers of the DNG while a Delaware Air Guard C-130 transport aircraft and helicopters of the Delaware Army Guard perform a flyover.

Other civilian leaders will be on hand, as well as military leaders such as Delaware National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Francis Vavala, Delaware National Guard Assistant Adjutant General for Air Brig. Gen. Hugh Broomall, Delaware ANG Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Ernest Talbert and 166th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Bruce Thompson.

Over a year ago, on Oct. 2, 2005, Gen. Broomall said, "We want a way to involve the community in this event."

An emphasis on partnering with the community has been evident from the earliest planning stages, with civilian officials from the county and state plus local non-profit organizations participating.

Lt. Col. Stephen Caton, Air Show Director, said, "This will be an enjoyable, family-friendly event. The entire wing has gone to considerable lengths to assemble an impressive performance of air power, from World War II vintage military fighters and bombers, through aircraft now used in daily combat in

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey

Bringing them home

Senior Airman Christian Leamy carries a duffel bag for Airmen returning home Sept. 6 from a 120-day unit rotation to Afghanistan. Story on page 7.

Oct. 14 Open House/Air Show Public Info Line (302) 323-3521

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National Guard Recruiting

Assistance Program:

<http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com/>

Air Force Memorial Foundation:

<http://www.airforcememorial.org>

Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame:

<http://www.dahf.org/>

New Castle Airport:

<http://www.newcastleairportilg.com/>
(maps of local area, regional airports)

National Guard Bureau:

www.ngb.army.mil

Air Force Link: www.af.mil

Your Guardians of Freedom:

www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com

Employer Support for the Guard

and Reserve: www.esgr.com

Coming events

Oct. 7-8: Dover Air Force Base Air Show

Oct. 13: DE ANG Retirees' breakfast, Camp Honoree C-130 aircraft dedication

Oct. 14: 60th Anniversary Delaware ANG Open House and Air Show, Sat. of Oct. UTA, rain or shine. Public Information Line (302) 323-3521 has updates for the Oct. 14 event. Operational POC is Lt. Col. Stephen Caton, Air Show Director, (302) 323-3419.

Dec. 9: DNG Children's Holiday Party, Noon-2:30 p.m., National Guard Readiness Center, Newport, Del. Reply by Dec. 3 to POC Tech. Sgt. Monica Williams, 323-3360.

Note: More calendar of events postings online at www.DelawareNationalGuard.com.

DE ANG Recruiting:

1-800-742-6713 or 1-866-NOW-DANG,
or Local (302) 323-3444

Master Sgt. Michael Davis, (302) 323-3447

Master Sgt. Gerald Miller, (302) 323-3446

DE ANG Retention:

Master Sgt. Tanya Harris, 323-3413

2006-2007 Wing UTA schedule

Oct 14-15	Feb 10-11	Jun 9-10
Nov 4-5	Mar 3-4	Jul 14-15
Dec 2-3	Apr 14-15	Aug 4-5
Jan 20-21	May 5-6	Sep 8-9

Note from the editor

The last issue of the DANG Truth was Spring 2006. This early Fall 2006 issue, available online as a PDF file, was also sent to the printer the fourth week in September, for mailing by the printer via the U.S. Postal Service to arrive in mailboxes by the Oct. 14-15 UTA

The DANG Truth is mailed to homes of members, to all retirees (unless they opt-out), to local high schools, JROTC,

ROTC, CAP and aviation clubs and to state and regional news media.

Readers on base can view this and previous issues on the base intranet, or at www.delawarenationalguard.com.

If you have an address change, do not contact Wing Public Affairs; we get refreshed data for each mailing from the alpha roster for current members, and from HQ DE ANG for retirees.

Members must go online to change address on two web sites to effect alpha roster and their pay

ACTIVE UNIT MEMBERS: you MUST change your address online using the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, also called vMPF. This updates your address (or name change) in the base alpha roster. You access the Virtual MPF by: Visiting <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and click on link to vMPF. That takes you to the **Air Force Personnel Center**, or AFPC, at Randolph AFB, at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/Default.asp>. Here you MUST login us-

ing your user ID and password, and then you select the link to vMPF, where you MUST then provide a different vMPF user ID and password.

An easier way to get to the vMPF is by using the **Air Force Portal** at www.my.af.mil. Enter your AF Portal user ID and password. You can then go direct to vMPF without having to enter another user ID or password.

However, to affect your pay (Leave and Earnings Statement, W-2s and taxes)

you must change your address at the **MyPay** website, <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

All active members MUST fill out AF Form 1745, Address Change Form, in Finance office, to affect travel pay.

RETIREES: Mail a letter indicating any address change to Tech. Sgt. Monica Williams, HQ DE ANG, 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, DE 19720. Also, retirees must access the **MyPay** web site for financial data, <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

New pay scales cut UTA benefit

By Col. Bruce Thompson
Wing Commander

I was extremely disappointed when I learned last week that the US Department of Pay and Finance implemented new pay scales for National Guard members, eliminating the current system of double pay for UTA accomplishment.

The National Guard system of pay has long been a target of bean counters who believe such a pay system is both outdated and unjustified. The men and women of the Air National Guard however know differently, and view the current system of double pay for UTA accomplishment as a valuable benefit accompanying membership in the National Guard. Unfortunately, an ever shrinking Federal budget mandates severe reductions and despite being an elusive target for more than three decades, the National Guard pay system was finally eliminated.

Do I have your full attention? Did you believe the information contained in the previous paragraph?

If you were skeptical of what you read in the first paragraph you were justified because there isn't a US Department of Pay and Finance and your compensation for service in the National Guard is not going to be reduced or eliminated...at least not in the next year.

I just wanted to get your attention and remind everyone that the benefits we enjoy today as members of the National Guard are directly attributable to the efforts of professional lobbying organizations.

The National Guard Association of Delaware (NGADE, web site www.ngade.com, membership open to all officers), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) are the professional organizations that join forces each year to protect and improve YOUR benefits.

NGADE, EANGUS and NGAUS are supported entirely through membership contributions, so if you're not a member of one of these organizations you should seriously consider joining. If you are already a member of NGADE and either EANGUS or NGAUS, congratulations, you are taking a proactive stance in protecting the rights and benefits of every member of the National Guard.

Every year your benefits come under fire and every year these organizations stand between your benefits and the budget knife.

Be proactive, get involved and ensure your professional benefits are protected, join NGAUS today.

As I close this column let me con-



Photo by Visual Information

Colonel Bruce Thompson
Wing Commander

gratulate those personnel returning from successful deployments. You belong to an outstanding organization. Your continued dedicated professional mission accomplishment makes this the best Air National Guard Wing in the Nation.

You are professionals, let your professionalism shine through in everything you accomplish...and no, a little bragging about being a member of the Delaware ANG, the best Air National Guard unit in the nation, won't hurt one little bit.

(Thanks to ANG 139th AW Wing Commander Col. Steve Cotter, St. Joseph, Missouri, whose own column planted the seed for my column)

National Guard Association of Delaware Annual Membership Drive

(data posted Sept. 26, 2006 on www.NGADE.com web page)

Air Guard 49.46 %
JFHQ Units 70.27 %
Troop Command 68 %
261st Sig Bde 100 %

TOTAL
65.21 %

NGADE is the local arm of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). NGADE's purpose is to promote national and state security and champion the interests of the National Guard.

Stepping in and up

Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Davis is new Wing Command Chief

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Lynn M. Davis, a resident of Camden, Del., has been appointed as the new Wing Command Chief for the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, taking over those duties after the Sept. 10, 2006 change of authority on base.

Chief Davis has been the Information Systems Superintendent in the 166th Communications Flight of the 166th Airlift Wing. She is a 23 year member of the Delaware ANG, with four years of previous active duty in the U.S. Air Force at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Chief Davis was born in Cheshire, England and is married to Larry D. Davis, Retired Chief Master Sergeant, recently the 326th Airlift Squadron Loadmaster Superintendent at Dover AFB. They have two children, Michelle, who currently resides in the Netherlands, and Michael, a senior at Wilmington College who resides at home.

Chief Davis joined the U.S. Air Force on August 14, 1978. After completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, she began technical training as a communications-computer specialist in the Base Communications Center at the 2016th Communications Squadron, part of the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, and later become the wing's computer security custodian. During active duty Chief Davis was selected as Airman of the Quarter numerous times and was nominated for Airman of the Year.

Chief Davis completed four years of Air Force active duty, separating from active duty in 1983 when she then enlisted in the Delaware ANG. She worked as a telecommunications operations specialist assigned to the 166th Communications Flight's Communications Center, where she earned recognition as NCO and then Senior NCO of the Quarter.

She became an air technician in September 1983 and began duties in the Base Communication Center and was designated as the 166th Airlift Wing Computer-Security Custodian. She also became the NCOIC of the Base Communications Center and Data Automation.

From April 1998 to Nov. 2001 Chief Davis served as the Region 1 Representative, ANG for the Information Systems Working Group, National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia where she helped improve the designated operational capability statements and unit type codes that are utilized throughout all ANG Communication Flights today.

Chief Davis also represented the ANG on the Air Force Operationizing and Professionalizing the Network Working Group at Scott AFB, Illinois.

Chief Davis was promoted to her current rank in May 1996, becoming the first female Chief Master Sergeant in the history of the Delaware Air National Guard, a rank held by only one percent of all the enlisted ranks serving in the Air Force today. Chief Davis was also selected as Senior NCO of the Year.



Photo by Visual Information

Incoming 166th Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Davis

Chief Davis graduated from Springfield High School, Springfield, Pa. in 1971. For her civilian education, in 1999 Chief Davis earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource Management/Business Administration from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Del.

For her military training and education, Chief Davis completed the Air Force NCO Academy in 1990, the Air Force Senior NCO Academy in 1993, and the Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Executive Course in 1998. In 1999 she earned an Associate Degree in Information Systems Management from the Community College of the Air Force.

Chief Davis has received various awards and decorations to include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Forging a new future

By Chief Master Sgt. John Jaskewich
166th AW Wing Command Chief

I am sitting in my hotel room on the eve of an Enlisted Field Advisory Committee meeting in New York, reminiscing on what I should write as my last communication as your Wing Command Chief. (note: written mid-summer 2006)

I am ending a 34 year career, with four years in the Wing. Much has happened and changed in this short time.

We had two Enlisted Calls, the first in the history of the Delaware Air National Guard, visits from two Command Chiefs of the ANG, worked through the mobilization of our flying and maintenance units for the war on terrorism, survived the 2004 tornado, made tremendous contributions in 2005 to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and the list keeps growing. We've done all of that with 88 percent manning strength. I commend all of you for your outstanding call to duty.

I am saddened that my career has come to close, but you have a very good person in place to represent you at the Wing level. Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Davis has been selected as my successor. She will accept command in September. I have known Lynn for a number of years

and have to say she is more than qualified for the position and I hope you give her the respect, support and trust that you have given me over my four years as your Wing Command Chief.

Having said that, you still need to focus on our unit.

Our Wing Commander needs all of you now more than ever to complete your training as soon as you can. The lack of Airmen completing Professional Military Education is the number one reason that most enlisted folks cannot be promoted!!



Supervisors, read carefully, one of the major reasons that first term guardsmen and women leave our unit is their NOT GETTING the training needed to do their job and their feeling that NO ONE talks to them about their career. We need to do a better job communicating to the folks who work for you, as you control their career and are the key to keeping it on track.

Chief Davis is committed as I was to do the very best for our enlisted force. Chiefs, First Sergeants and supervisors must help her to keep our entire enlisted force trained, ready to do any task called upon by our leadership. Make it your pri-



Photo by Visual Information

Outgoing 166th Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. John Jaskewich

ority to mentor your enlisted folks to keep this unit Ready, Reliable and Relevant. And we need to recruit new folks, who are our unit's LIFE BLOOD to keep this unit the BEST in the ANG.

As my career comes to an end, I must thank all those who have helped me throughout the years to attain my current position. I would not be here if it was not for the mentoring of many folks, too numerous to mention here. Thanks again for all you do for your country; God Bless and good-bye to each of you.

A DECLARATION OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Be it known on this the tenth day of September, two thousand and six, that Chief Master Sergeant Lynn M. Davis is appointed as the fifth Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 166th Airlift Wing.

Also, be it known that Chief Davis is entrusted with the responsibility to represent the enlisted personnel of the Wing in matters that affect their quality of life, safety and development.

Also, be it known that Chief Davis acts as the liaison to the senior leadership for all enlisted matters and Chief Davis is granted the authority that is commensurate with the position as the senior enlisted advisor of the Wing.

Finally, be it known that on this day, Chief Davis is charged with all of the responsibilities and status of the Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant as prescribed in ANGI 36-2109.

This declaration is granted under my name as the Commander of the 166th Airlift Wing.

SIGNED, BRUCE THOMPSON, COL., COMMANDER, 166th AIRLIFT WING

Air Show, continued from page 1

Southwest Asia. We'll also have two experienced air show announcers, one a retired unit F-86 pilot. It is shaping up to be a pretty exciting air show.

"We welcome visitors from Del., N.J., Pa., Md., Va. and beyond. Coming a week after the Dover AFB Air Show Oct. 7-8, we expect large crowds," said Col. Caton.

Featured aircraft

(Air Show aircraft list as of Sept. 29)

15 flying aircraft:

A-10 Thunderbolt II ("Warthog") close air support
B-2 Spirit multi-role bomber
B-17 Flying Fortress bomber
C-130 Hercules transport
CAP 580 aerobatic performance aircraft, Matt Chapman; www.mattchapman.com
EA300-L Extra aerobatic performance aircraft; Michael Mancuso; www.mmairshows.com
F-22A Raptor fighter
L-29 Delfin (Dolphin), jet trainer (Czechoslovakia)
MiG-23 Russian fighter (Mikoyan-Gurevich)
P-40 Curtiss Warhawk fighter/bomber
P-47 Thunderbolt fighter
P-51 Mustang fighter
S-300D Extra (John Klatt)
UH-1 Iroquois ("Huey") helicopter
UH-60 Black Hawk tactical transport helicopter

27 static display aircraft:

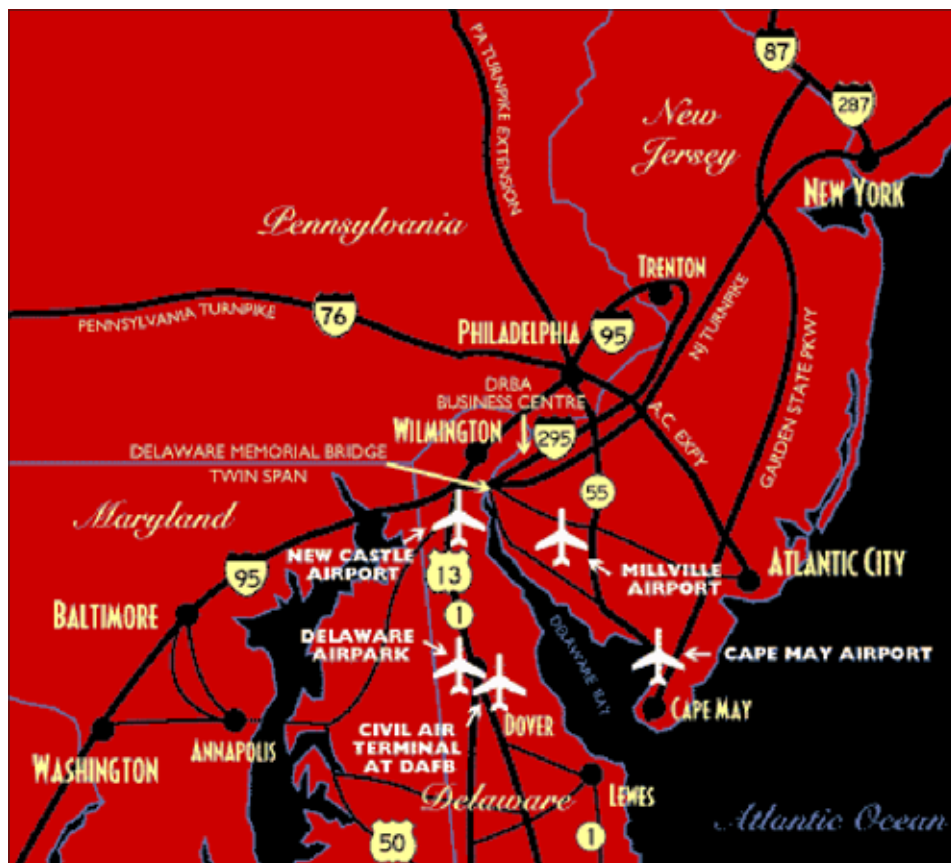
Aeronca Champ
A-10 Thunderbolt II ("Warthog") close air support aircraft
Bell Jet Ranger helicopter (Del. State Police)
C-5 Galaxy transport
C-130 Hercules transport
C-38 VIP staff transport
C-45 (Beech 18)
CAP-580 Extra, enhanced
Cessna 172 Skyhawk (vintage)
Cessna 182 Skylane (Civil Air Patrol)
Air Van (Civil Air Patrol)
EA-300L Extra
L-5 Sentinel light transport ("Flying Jeep")
L-29 Delfin (Czech military trainer)
MiG-21 Russian fighter (Mikoyan-Gurevich)
MiG-23 Flogger
PA-28R (Piper Arrow)
P-40 Curtiss Warhawk fighter/bomber
P-47 Thunderbolt fighter
P-51 Mustang fighter
PT-19 Cornell trainer
S-300D Extra
T-6 Vintage Texan single-engine, two-seat primary trainer
T-37 Tweet twin engine training jet
UH-1 Iroquois ("Huey") helicopter
UH-60 Black Hawk tactical transport helicopter
YAK-52 Yakovlev (Soviet primary trainer)

There is free parking at two large local lots with 24 shuttle buses operating all day to transport people to the air base and back. The largest is the General Motors Boxwood Road auto plant lot, a 10 minute shuttle bus drive away near Newport, DE, zip code 19804. The second is the Boeing plant, located a few minutes from the base at 12 Penns Way, New Castle, DE, zip code 19720, off Commons Boulevard,

across the street from the New Castle County Government Center. Handicap parking available with placard.

For details visit the Del. ANG web site, <http://www.denewc.ang.af.mil>, or the Delaware National Guard web site, <http://www.delawarenationalguard.com>.

For details about the C-130 Plane Pull, visit the Special Olympics Delaware web site, <http://www.sode.org>.



New Castle Airport and regional airports of Del., NJ., Pa. and Md. Source: New Castle Airport web site, <http://www.newcastleairportilg.com/>

Retirees' breakfast, C-130 aircraft dedication Friday morning Oct. 13

7:45 a.m.: Gather in base Dining Hall
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.: Social time
8:30 a.m.: Opening remarks
Serve breakfast
Greeting and HQ DE ANG Year-in-Review presentation: BG Broomall
Wing Year-in-Review presentation: Col Thompson/Col Van Wyk
Camp Honoree Presentation
Background information: Lt Col Nichols
Announce Camp Honoree (Retired Col

Walt Powell), Training Year 2007
Remarks: MG Vavala
Remarks: BG Broomall
Remarks: Retired Col Walt Powell
Closing Remarks: Lt Col Nichols
Directions to C-130 aircraft
C-130 aircraft unveiling: BG Broomall and crew chief assist Col Powell
Any questions?: Please call event POC
Tech. Sgt. Monica Williams, 323-3360, HQ DE ANG. All 1946-2006 retirees welcome!

Afghanistan AEF flying rotation ends

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Combat zone service of 120 days in the rough terrain of Afghanistan has ended for the Airmen of the Wing who fly and repair unit C-130 aircraft, with a 15-month break before a similar mission.

Forty Airmen and two C-130 aircraft came home on Sept. 6 and 8, 2006, completing an Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Slightly over 100 unit Airmen served in this 120-day period, and unit C-130 aircraft flew 706 total hours; comprised of about 450 combat and 250 combat support hours, and 472 total sorties.

Over this four month period, Delaware C-130 aircraft and Airmen left about every 45 days from New Castle, stopping at various air bases along the way enroute to their deployed home at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. They flew missions wherever C-130 airlift was needed, part of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, made up of sister ANG units.

These returns complete a continuous set of rotating missions of Airmen and aircraft that began in April. Groups of Airmen have served about 40 days each over this period, with some Airmen serving back-to-back rotations of about 80 days each.

This mission was historic because it is the first mission of unit aircraft to Afghanistan where Airmen lived and operated from a base inside the nation.

Airmen from different units of the Delaware ANG have served in Afghanistan starting Oct., 2001, just one month after the terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon.

The first mission by unit Airmen to the combat zone was in Oct., 2001 when about a dozen Airmen in the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, all nurses and medical technicians, arrived in field conditions to construct tents for sleeping and medical care, all living in very austere conditions with a high concern



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey

Lt. Col. Regina Ubaldi, a doctor in the 166th Medical Group, takes a blood sample on Sept. 6 from Tech. Sgt. Neil Elmore, a 142nd Airlift Squadron loadmaster.

for safety. About 20 total Airmen from the 142nd AES served over a six-month period through April, 2002.

Since 2004 the unit has had a flying presence in the Afghanistan combat zone while operating from several nations in Southwest Asia, following an earlier mission that began March, 2003 near Iraq.

Colonel Bruce Thompson, 166th Airlift Wing Commander, said, "These returning Airmen have flown in harm's way in a combat zone with real risks. The maintenance shops have kept these aircraft flying safely, working with aircrew to help set an all-time high in the 60 years of our unit history with over 157,700 accident-free flying hours. This team effort has provided military and humanitarian assistance to U.S. and coalition forces to defeat terrorists and help the democratically elected government of Afghanistan gain greater security for their citizens."

"I am very proud of our Airmen who wear the uniform of the United States Air

Force. They performed successfully and at the highest level of their professional military training in this recent mission," said Col. Thompson. "And that pride includes all those Airmen at home station who keep this unit humming, from the finance and personnel sections, to supply and the aerial port, to the maintainers and security forces manning the gate and every unit across base."

"Together we passed the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001, and the members of the 166th Airlift Wing of the Delaware ANG, the Delaware National Guard as a whole, and our entire nation's military services have acted as one to provide service before self and do what is expected of our armed services. That is noble service."

This coming winter over 50 nurses and medical technicians from the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will deploy to Southwest Asia for a 120-day Aerospace Expeditionary Force mission.

New commanders in two squadrons



Sunday morning of the Sept. UTA saw two squadron change of commands. Above, Lt. Col. Michael Castaldi, who left the 142nd Airlift Squadron, receives the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron unit guidon from Col. Kathleen Eastburn, 166th Mission Support Group Commander, as he accepts command of the unit. Relinquishing command is Lt. Col. Mark Devore, at left, rear. First Sergeant Master Sgt. Maurice Williams is at left, front.

Below is Lt. Col. Donald Quinn, who left the Pennsylvania National Guard, as he accepts the unit guidon and command of the 166th Security Forces Squadron from Col. Kathleen Eastburn. Relinquishing command is 1st Lt. Michael Vinzinski, who is standing behind the new commander in the photo. At left is First Sergeant Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Walsh.



Both change of command photos by Master Sgt. Keith Strouss

DNG Youth Camp helps 145 kids in '06

By Chief Master Sgt. Dawn Peet

Delaware Air National Guard JFHQ

A record number of kids, 145 total, attended the annual Delaware National Guard Youth Camp Aug. 13-19 at the DNG Bethany Beach Training Site (BBTS) in Sussex County, across the street from the town of Bethany Beach, Del.

Ninety-six kids age 9-12, plus 49 youth leaders age 13-17, comprised of junior counselors in training, junior counselors and assistant senior counselors attended. 60 adults assisted 24/7 with all manner of supervision and care.

The campers participated in classes, excursions, arts and crafts, recreational events and team building exercises. This year's camp theme was, "Then and Now," and a variety of events were built around this theme. For example, kids rode a steam train, and then attended a space camp where they built and launched rockets.

The youth are all dependents of



active and retired military members of Soldiers or Airmen in the DNG. About 15 of the kids were wearing yellow wristbands to symbolize the fact that a parent is currently deployed overseas to a combat zone. A number of other kids have had one or more parents deployed overseas since Sept. 11, 2001.

Retired Master Sgt. Ernie Colwell served as this year's youth camp director, his sixth year of leadership.

The date for next year's DNG Youth

Camp is July 29 to August 4, 2007.

Call me (Chief Dawn Peet) at (484) 678-5694, or Pat Crilley at (302) 326-7267, for more information or to help.

Monthly planning meetings occur on the third Thursday of the month, typically held in HQ building 2600 at the Delaware ANG New Castle Air Base. The next Meeting is Thurs., Oct. 19, at 6:00 p.m. on base. Dinner is on your own.

Camp Colwell costs \$50 per youth for the week; children with deployed family members are free. Along with the registration fee and additional funding from National Guard Family Readiness and state grants, the camp is subsidized more than 50 percent by generous community donations and partnerships.

Financial donations are accepted to support our camp. Checks can be written to the "DNG Youth Camp." Mail to:

Attn: Family Readiness Office
Delaware Air National Guard
2600 Spruance Drive
New Castle, DE 19720

New signs point to our base

By Lt. Col. David Deputy
Wing Chief of Staff

A year ago Master Sgt. Mike Davis in the Recruiting office came to me with a great idea. He asked if I could help him to get Delaware ANG signs on Interstate I-95.

We did some planning and met a few times with the Delaware Dept. of Transportation (DELDOT), got their approval and worked out the details. Col. Thompson quickly approved Sgt. Davis's request to use recruiting budget funding.

Two large signs, about 16 x 10 feet in size, were up in late August, just in time to help promote our presence before the 60th Anniversary Open House and Air Show on Oct. 14.

We are still working on getting a third large sign on I-95 northbound at Churchmans Marsh but we have to wait for construction to be completed in that location. The cost of the signs is a one-time cost of about \$8,000 to \$10,000. For comparison, billboards on I-95 posted for five years would cost about \$750,000.

When asked how he came up with the idea, Sgt. Davis said, "On my frequent trips to Dover Air Force Base, I keep seeing the Dover AFB road signs on Rt. 1. Although our base is significantly smaller, I thought maybe there was a chance that we could get DELDOT to help our base."

Sharing the sign with New Castle Airport is part of the marketing strategy. Most people in the area know where the New Castle Airport is located but many are unaware that the Delaware ANG is located at the New Castle Airport. Having both names on the sign is a force multiplier that enhances the public's awareness of the base.

Prior to the 1970's, DuPont Highway (Rt. 13) was the main interstate since I-95 did not exist. Since New Castle Airport and the Delaware ANG are located off of Route 13, almost every person in this region knew we ex-

isted and knew where we were located. Also during that time period, the World War II generation was still young and knew the New Castle Airbase because at the time it was as big as any active duty Air Force base. Not knowing where the Delaware ANG was located in 1960 would be like a Dover resident today not knowing the existence of Dover AFB.

I can't tell you how many people I have met that belonged to the Air

Force Reserve or active duty in Dover, drive I-95 on a regular basis and do not know that the Delaware ANG existed.

Many of our members tell us odd stories of how they found the Delaware ANG. I was proofreading the 60th Anniversary Yearbook and read a story about one of our members that had prior service in maintenance. While driving his car in the local area, he saw a C-130 flying and he following it to the base where it landed and he signed up.

Hopefully these signs will help Airmen from nearby reserve and ANG C-130 bases that are being closed or downsized (Willow Grove and Baltimore) learn that we exist and that we have positions waiting for them only a short commute from their homes. And, the signs should help us raise awareness of our ANG base with local citizens.



All road sign photos by Lt. Col. David Deputy, 166th Airlift Wing

Above: Master Sgt. Mike Davis stands next to the I-95 southbound sign just north of the Rt. 141 exits for Newport and New Castle. According to DELDOT, the signs on I-95 are passed by about 160,000 vehicles daily.

Below: I-495 southbound sign just north of the Rt. 13 exit. DELDOT says about 40,000 vehicles use I-495 daily.



Left: After exiting I-95 or I-495 there will be several 30 x 30 inch "trailblazer" signs on the side of the road guiding you to the base.

Around the Wing...



Local Prices Corner resident purchases 60th Anniversary artwork created by unit artist Capt. Eric Young.



Officer candidate Marc Evans, Del. Army Guard, adjusts the breathing apparatus on the mask of Staff Sgt. Jason Brooks, Del. ANG, both members of the Del. NG 31st Civil Support Team during an exercise June 1 at the New Castle Air Base.



New Castle County Executive Chris Coons with a C-130 model aircraft presented to him Aug. 2 by Brig. Gen. Hugh Broomall to recognize Mr. Coons' support for the unit during the 2005 BRAC process.



State Air Surgeon Col. Dean Winslow with a patient in Baghdad, Iraq in March.

All photos on two facing pages by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey except for the photo on the US-Mexico border, taken by Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Dougherty, Visual Information, the courtesy photo from the Wilmington Hispanic Festival, and the photo taken of Col. Dean Winslow in Iraq, courtesy U.S. Air Force.



Captains Jamie McGrath and Chris Strickler with Retired Senior NCO Armond Piazza and his wife, who brought two C-130 aircraft wooden models to the base as gifts before they packed up and moved to Florida. Piazza served with Col. William Hutchinson, whom he said he admired.



Red Cross helps Airmen in '45 and '06!

Local resident Mary Russell (at Wing HQ with Lt. Col. David Deputy), who served as a Red Cross volunteer on base in 1945 during World War II, made a surprise visit here Aug. 18 bringing sample pillows she and her family made. On Aug. 21, 1st Lt. Tim Fields, Col. Deputy and Tech. Sgt. Ben Matwey picked up several dozen hand-made pillows from her home.

...at Home and Away



Patriot at the gate

Lt. Col. Stephen Caton with Bank of America employee Troy Thompson who made a surprise donation of 4,500 U.S. flags to the unit to use as we wish.

Chief Master Sgt. Al Abbott with the unit display used at this summer's annual Delaware State Fair in Harrington July 20-29.



Master Sgt. Richard Smith, left, and Senior Master Sgt. Roger Maldonado, right, with four Miss Hispanic Festival contestants at the Wilmington Hispanic Festival held Sept 8-10.

Master Sgt. Ron Bates, 166th Logistical Readiness Squadron, repairs a fence along the US-Mexico border in Douglas, Ariz. Aug. 7 as part of a 45-person Del. ANG two week training mission July 31 to Aug. 13 supporting Operation Jump Start.



L to R: Tech. Sgt. Eric Lauppe, Chief Master Sgt. Dawn Peet, Senior Airman Jessica Williams and Staff Sgt. Amanda Dixon phone youth who recently passed the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB, to talk up the Delaware ANG.

Recent graduates, training

Listed by graduation/completion date within category; data after Jan. 24, 2006 through end of August, 2006. Source: Base Training office

Basic Military Training

Wallace, Latoya, E3, 3/3/2006
Petriccione, Mark, E3, 3/6/2006
Feltner, Jacqueline, E3, 3/17/2006
Sparacio, Joseph, E3, 3/27/2006
Todd, Demetrius, E3, 4/3/2006
Hess, Joannmarie, E3, 4/3/2006
Oleary, Joseph, E3, 4/17/2006
Dietzl, Matthew, E3, 5/22/2006
Morris, Thomas, E3, 5/22/2006
Brown, Deidreanne, E3, 5/29/2006
Brysiak, Philip, E3, 6/2/2006
Glass, Sean, E3, 6/5/2006

3-level Apprentice School

Abcede, Rodrigo, E7, 1/27/2006, Information Management Apprentice
Cook, Leslie, E3, 2/2/2006, Air Transportation Apprentice
Fountain, Logan, E3, 2/3/2006, Security Forces Apprentice
Moore, Shawn, E3, 2/7/2006, Pavements Maintenance and Construction Equipment Operator Apprentice (AF)
Seaton, Carmelino, E3, 2/9/2006, Cardiopulmonary Lab Apprentice (Phase I)
Duca, Paul, E7, 2/10/2006, Communications-Computer Systems Control Apprentice
Quiqq, Jennifer, E3, 2/18/2006, Air Transportation Apprentice
Wells, Sylvia, E5, 3/8/2006, Personnel Apprentice
Fanoele, James, E4, 3/10/2006, Aircraft Metals Technology Apprentice
Hess, Donald, E4, 3/11/2006, Electronic Principles
Keith, Brian, E7, 3/30/2006, Aircrew Life Support Apprentice
Longfellow, Jeffrey, E5, 3/30/2006, Munitions Systems Apprentice TM-J9
Ginevan, Daniel, E3, 3/31/2006, Shop Mathematics
Seaton, Carmelino, E3, 4/5/2006, Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice - Phase II
Ernst, Thomas, E3, 4/6/2006, Fuels Apprentice
Wallace, Latoya, E3, 4/15/2006, Air Transportation Apprentice
Clayton, Denise, E6, 4/26/2006, Information Management Apprentice
Rathbun, Ryan, E5, 4/26/2006, Security Forces Apprentice
Rivera, Efrain, E6, 5/4/2006, Cardiopulmonary Lab Apprentice (Phase I)
Ford, Matthew, E3, 5/12/2006, Cardiopulmonary Lab Apprentice (Phase I)
Valichka, Michael, E6, 5/24/2006, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Apprentice
Taylor, Jonathan, E3, 5/26/2006, Interservice Mechanic Apprentice
Hinson, Robert, E4, 5/26/2006, Health Services Management Apprentice
Sowinski, Eric, E5, 6/1/2006, Fire Protection Apprentice
Petriccione, Joseph, E3, 6/13/2006, Security Forces Apprentice
Wright, Jerrold, E3, 6/14/2006, Supply

Management Apprentice

Williams, John, E5, 6/17/2006, Fire Protection Apprentice
Rivera, Efrain, E6, 6/27/2006, Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice - Phase II
Hess, Donald, E4, 6/28/2006, Computer Network Cryptographic Systems
Cox, Charles, E3, 7/6/2006, Command Post Apprentice
Conroy, Patricia, E4, 7/19/2006, Combat Arms Apprentice
Mosher, Caleb, E6, 7/21/2006, Operations Intelligence Apprentice
Coffey, Christopher, E5, 8/4/2006, Operations Intelligence Apprentice
Kamedula, Barbara, E4, 8/25/2006, Health Services Management Apprentice

5-level Journeyman - N/A

7-level Craftsman School

Kohr, Jamie, E8, 2/10/2006, Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, Turboprop/Turboshaft Engine
Wygant, Mark, E5, 2/18/2006, Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, Turboprop/Turboshaft Engine
Polenik, Mary, E5, 3/11/2006, Supply Management Craftsman
Martin, Gwyn, E6, 3/25/2006, Safety Craftsman
Kline, Amy, E5, 4/22/2006, Supply Management Craftsman
Phillips, Kennard, E6, 5/27/2006, Supply Management Craftsman
Tatham, Wesley, E5, 7/1/2006, Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, Jet Engine
Beard, Robert, E5, 7/20/2006, Security Forces Craftsman
Kahn, Novarro, E5, 7/28/2006, Financial Mgt and Comptroller Craftsman

Aircrew/flight training

Portale, James, O1, 2/10/2006, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT), Advanced Training, T-1A Airlift-Tanker Track
Bishop, Phillip, O1, 2/25/2006, Medical Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Training
Portale, James, O2, 3/3/2006, Water Survival School - Parachuting
Carunchio, Anthony, O2, 3/4/2006, C130H Mobility Pilot Development (MPD) Initial Qualification
Fields, Timothy, O2, 3/10/2006, C130H MPD Initial Qualification
Chakwin, William, E7, 4/2/2006, Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center Course (AATTC)
Dixon, Mickey, E6, 4/2/2006, AATTC
Rice, David, O4, 4/2/2006, AATTC
Robertson, Christina, O3, 4/2/2006, AATTC
Sides, Andrew, O3, 4/2/2006, AATTC
Springsteen, Jeffrey, E7, 4/2/2006, AATTC
Ciprane, Lawrence, E8, 4/3/2006, AATTC C-130 Intelligence Formal Training Unit (IFTU) Course
Owens, Joey, O2, 4/8/2006, SERE Training
Stephens, Douglas, E5, 4/8/2006, SERE

Training

Minner, Michael, O2, 5/15/2006, Specialized UPT, Advanced Training, T-1A Airlift-Tanker Track
White, Frederick, E5, 5/17/2006, C130 Loadmaster Initial/Mission
Kilcullen, Christopher, O3, 5/19/2006, C130 Pilot Initial Qualification (Basic/Formation)
Farmer, Christopher, O1, 5/20/2006, Combat Aircrew Tactics Studies
Kilcullen, Christopher, O3, 6/9/2006, Water Survival School - Parachuting
Ptak, John, O5, 7/29/2006, C130 Navigator Instructor Qualification
Cherry, Charles, E7, 8/9/2006, Flight Engineer

Officer Technical School

Gregory, Michael, O1, 2/7/2006
Dever, John, O1, 3/4/2006
Owens, Joey, O2, 3/27/2006
Bishop, Philip, O2, 3/28/2006

Professional Military Education:

Airman Leadership School

Jacobs, Scott, E4, 3/24/2006
Jacobs, Brooke, E4, 3/24/2006
Maniscalco, Steve, E4, 3/24/2006
Warner, Deanne, E4, 3/24/2006

Oliphant, Joseph, E4, 5/12/2006
Bouettloveras, Angel, E3, 6/17/2006

NCO Academy in-residence

Gainous, Philip, E6, 5/25/2006

ANG First Sergeant Course

Hardy, Brian, E7, 3/18/2006

Academy of Military Science

Boney, Gregory, E5, 2/18/2006
Brown, Lyette, E6, 4/22/2006
Ohrt, Gunther, E4, 4/22/2006

Commissioned Officer's Training

Bishop, Philip, O2, 2/11/2006
Christopher, Anne, O1, 8/5/2006
Foxwell, Erin, O1, 8/5/2006

Note: Due to space and time limitations, personnel news that would typically be in this issue (promotions, enlistments, retirements, federal and state awards and decorations) will not appear. We'll strive to include these items in future issues. -- The Editor

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Deserved recognition

Delaware ANG Airmen of the Quarter



Airman of the Quarter:

Senior Airman **Adam Davidson**, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



NCO of the Quarter:

Staff Sgt. **Melissa Chatham**, 166th Communications Flight



Senior NCO of the Quarter:

Master Sgt. **William Chakwin**, 142nd Airlift Squadron

Airmen of the Quarter, third quarter FY 2006, April-June 2006

All Airmen of the Quarter data from Wing Command Chief

All Airmen of the Quarter photos by Visual Information



Airman of the Quarter:

Senior Airman **Tykiem Booker**, 166th Aerial Port Flight;



NCO of the Quarter:

Tech. Sgt. **Daniel Spruill**, 166th Communications Flight



Senior NCO of the Quarter:

Senior Master Sgt. **Michael Forsyth**, 166th Aerial Port Flight

Airmen of the Quarter 2nd quarter fiscal year 2006, Jan-March 2006

AFA recognizes State Air Surgeon Colonel Winslow

Colonel Dean Winslow, State Air Surgeon, HQ, Delaware ANG, received the Air Force Association's George W. Bush Award on Sept. 21 at a presentation in Washington with Delaware ANG leaders attending. The award web site is: <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/Bush.asp>.

Medical service arrival times

The 166th Medical Group's new patient arrival times for members who require medical services i.e. physicals/waivers: **Flyers 0800; Non-flyers 0900** Immunizations remain 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As always, physicals and immunizations are only done on Saturdays. Due to the 60th Air Show on Sat., Oct. 14, the clinic is only open on Sun., Oct. 15.

Your right to register, vote

For Delaware residents the Dept. of Elections for New Castle Co. is the single point of contact for information for overseas citizen and military voters.

Reach the Department by telephone at (302) 577-3464, or visit the State of Delaware web site, www.delaware.gov; search for "elections."

Election Calendar:

OCT. 14, 2006: Last Day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 7, 2006: General Election.

OCT. 23, 2006 Last Day for military and overseas citizens to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the November 7, 2006 General Election.

NOV. 7, 2006: General Election Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Latest on Guard Recruiting Assistance Program

According to the Base Recruiting Office, here is the latest on G-RAP, the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program.

So far the program has resulted in 11 potential Airmen nominated, and one enlistment. 128 Delaware ANG members have signed up for G-RAP out of 680 eligible. This is the second highest participation rate in the nation.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Steiner of the repair and reclamation shop, 166th Maintenance Squadron was the first to receive the \$2,000 for signing up a new recruit.

Visit the National Guard Recruiting Assistance Program web site: <http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com/>

New Community College of the Air Force graduates

The April 2006 CCAF graduating class of seven Airmen:

Tech. Sgt. **Tiffany Booth**, 166 AW, Baltimore, Md., Personnel Administration
Tech. Sgt. **Kimberly Harward**, 166 MDG, Colora, Md., Bioenvironmental Engineering

Master Sgt. **Brian Krams**, 166 APF, Wilmington, Del., Transportation

Chief Master Sgt. **Holly Morris**, HQ DE ANG, Lincoln University, Pa., Human Resource Management

Staff Sgt. **Caleb Mosher**, 166 OSF, New Castle, Del., Aviation Maintenance Technology

Master Sgt. **James Overton**, 166 MXS, Dover, Del, Personnel Administration

Tech. Sgt. **Timothy Stoeckle**, 142 AES, Newark, Del., Biomedical Equipment Technology

Tech. Sgt. **James Williams**, 166 LRS, Dover, Del., Logistics

DuPont Co. DoD 2006 Freedom Award recipient

On Sept. 21 the Department of Defense recognized the 15 recipients of the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, which is sponsored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The presentation was at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Wash., D.C.

One of the 15 organizations honored was the Dupont Corporation of Wilmington, Del. They employ **Chief Master Sgt. Brian Ambrose**, NCOIC of the wing safety office, who nominated his employer and attended the event with several Delaware ANG leaders.

"On behalf of the men and women serving in the National Guard and Reserve, I would like to congratulate these firms and thank them for their outstanding support," said Bob Hollingsworth, the executive director of ESGR. "By going above and beyond what is required by law, these firms set a high standard for all of America's private and public employers."

Communications Flight passes COMSEC test

From July 17-18 the HQ Air Mobility Command Communications Security (COMSEC) office conducted an assessment of the COMSEC operations at the Wing. This Information Assurance Assessment and Assistance Program review sees how well the wing is securing the network. Policies and procedures the Wing uses in daily COMSEC operations were checked to ensure that the Wing has 100 percent accountability of all COMSEC materials and assets. The Wing passed this pass/fail assessment with no discrepancies and received high praise from the HQ AMC assessment team.

Wing Satisfactory in UCI

By. Colonel Bruce Thompson
Wing Commander

The HQ Air Mobility Command Inspector General Unit Compliance Inspection team arrived May 5 and left May 11. All major mission areas were inspected with overall ratings on a five-tier scale of Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal and Unsatisfactory.

The Wing received an overall rating of SATISFACTORY by the UCI team.

Unit self-inspections and UCIs identify deficiencies which preclude or inhibit mission accomplishment. A primary focus is to ensure compliance with established directives, laws, executive orders and safety directives to increase sustained performance toward mission accomplishment. Units use AMC checklists to measure themselves against standards to reduce non-compliant areas.

According to the IG Team, Satisfactory means, "Performance or operation meets mission requirements. Procedures and activities are carried out in an effective and competent manner. Resources and programs are efficiently managed. Minor deficiencies may exist but do not impede or limit mission accomplishment."

To quote from the IG team's executive summary: "The 166th Airlift Wing is an effective, capable organization that is clearly ready to meet its airlift mission. While continually supporting airlift opera-

tions in Iraq and Afghanistan and recently battling the consequences of a tornado, wing members demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm and competency..."

Colonel Daniel Van Wyk, wing vice commander, said, "This is a culmination of several years of work. It is an affirmation that we are doing the job we are paid to do. Whether you are part of the flying mission, have deployed on an ECS (Expeditionary Combat Support) mission, or even helped with BRAC, you proved you are doing it right, and doing a great job."

All Special Interest items earned a Satisfactory (areas graded either satisfactory or unsatisfactory). These were Unit AEF Management; Records Management; Safeguarding Classified, Aircrew Life Support and Night Vision Devices Management, and Wing GSU/CRTC Government Travel Card Program.

For the mission areas, the IG Team gave the Wing one Outstanding rating, five Excellent ratings, nine Satisfactory ratings, three Marginal ratings, and zero unsatisfactory ratings.

An Outstanding rating was earned for Readiness Reporting. An Excellent rating was earned for Transportation, Communications and Information, Plans and Programs, Intelligence and Personnel.

Teams recognized by the AMC IG Team: 166th Communications Flight; Base Multi-Media Center and Information Management Office, and in the 166th Mission Support Group; Mission Support Flight.

Maintainers get flying colors in MSEP

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

From May 2-8 the ANG Readiness Center inspectors conducted a Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program (MSEP) inspection the Airmen and all sections of the 166th Maintenance Group. Over 6,000 Compliance and Standardization Requirements List items were

checked. The 166th MXG, responsible for maintaining the fleet of eight C-130 Hercules transport aircraft, received a passing grade on the pass/fail inspection.

Col. Karl Kromer, 166th Maintenance Group Commander, said, "We passed with flying colors. The results validated our maintenance practices to be in concert with Air Force maintenance requirements. The Airmen felt great about the results."

166th Ops Group passes ASEV, is Mission Ready

By Lt. Col. George F. Fink
166th Operations Group, Stan/Eval

From June 7-14 HQ AMC conducted an Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit (ASEV) of the 166th Operations Group, to include the 142nd Airlift Squadron and 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

The ASEV team administered 96 closed book and 96 critical emergency action "bold face" examinations which equates to 100 percent of available crewmembers. All personnel passed the closed book exam and there were zero "bold face" failures. The average exam score was 97.5 percent. The team administered 49 flight evaluations, with all 49 "Fully Qualified" with only two minor deficiencies. One 142nd AES crew member was graded Exceptionally Qualified. Overall, Aircrew Performance was graded EXCELLENT.

The ASEV Team reviewed 10 Stan/Eval programs. Flight Manuals and Review and Certification Board were graded Excellent. Seven other Stan/Eval programs were graded Satisfactory. Overall, the Aircrew Stan/Eval Program was graded SATISFACTORY.

The ASEV Team evaluated 10 Training programs. Qualification Training and Aeromedical Equipment were graded Excellent, and the remaining eight programs were graded Satisfactory. Overall, the Training Program was graded SATISFACTORY.

In the words of the ASEV Team Chief, "The 166 AW is capable and ready to execute its worldwide airlift and aeromedical missions. Wing, group and squadron leadership are a cohesive, mission-focused team. Involvement and oversight of flight operations as well as Training, Tactics and Stan/Eval programs was admirable." Overall, the 166 AW is graded MISSION READY.

90s Club

Course high scorers

The Wing '90s Club' (formed in 1996) recognizes unit Airmen who recently scored 90 percent or above on Professional Military Education (PME) or Career Development Courses (CDC):

Staff Sgt **Jon Goe**, 166th Communications Flight, Course 2E153, Score 91, Ground Radio Communications Journeyman

Senior Airman **James Del Rio**, 142nd Airlift Squadron, Course 00001, Score 90, Airman Leadership School

All names new since last DANG Truth.
(Data from Base Training office)

Pull your ANG Point Summary

Summaries are no longer mailed to members. Members should log-in to the Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) to obtain a copy of their Retirement Points/USAF-USAFR Point Credit Summary.

To pull an ANG Point Summary:
Log on to the Air Force Portal @ <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/afp40/USAF/ep/home.do>

Access the vMPF:

Click on Self-Service Actions

Click on Personal Data

Click on ANG/USAFR Point Credit Summary Inquiry (PCARS)

Select Point Summary

Source: 166th Mission Support Flight

Artwork has 60 years Del. ANG aircraft

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey

166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Framed art work showing all 15 unit aircraft from the 1940s to the present is on sale to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our unit. Cost is only \$100; \$20 for just the print. Note cards are \$10 with 15 cards per set, one of each aircraft.

All prints are signed and numbered, 16x11 inches, with only 600 printed. And don't miss your chance to get a part of history. A piece of metal from aircraft #84-0211 comes with the framed picture. This was the C-130H destroyed by the tornado that hit our base Sept. 28, 2004.

Captain Eric Young, a unit navigator, is the artist. The artwork is on display in the lobby of Delaware Air Guard HQ Building 2600. Or, view the print on this web site, <http://www.denewc.ang.af.mil>.

You may call Capt. Young (302) 323-3527, e-mail him at Eric.Young@denewc.ang.af.mil, or personal e-mail at DEANG5152@aol.com. Or call Lt. Col. Dave Deputy, (302) 323-3504.

Advance payment required; cash only. Proceeds to DE ANG 60th Anniversary.

60th anniversary yearbook price is \$50; reserve yours

The yearbook went to the printer the end of August. We far exceeded our estimated amount of revenue by several thousand dollars due to ambitious advertising sales, generous sponsorships, and a good volume of yearbook orders.

This means we can continue to offer the yearbook at \$50 a copy through to the release date of October 11 and afterwards. The supply is limited, so order before Oct. 11 to ensure your copy.

Make checks payable to **60th Anniversary**

Yearbook Fund and send it to my office in building 2600 or give to your first sergeant. Retirees and friends may also purchase a copy. By mail, send yearbook checks c/o myself, Lt. Col. Stephen Caton, HQ DE ANG, 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.

Thanks for all your help and support. You folks did it!

Lt. Col. Stephen Caton

Yearbook Project Officer/

Executive Editor, (302) 323-3419

You flew where? Why? New Castle Air Base book in the works

We are collecting tidbits or photos that tell the unit history, items that should be part of the collective memory of the unit and our Airmen. Contact Retired Brig. Gen. **Kennard R. Wiggins, Jr.**, Exec. Director, DE Military Heritage and Education Foundation, First Regiment Road, Wilm. DE 19808-2191. Web site www.MilitaryHeritage.org. Or, e-mail him at: Wiggili@aol.com; or phone (h) 410-398-0742.

Local civilian and military aviation enthusiasts take note: Local writer and military historian Jan Churchill is researching a book on the history of the New Castle Air Base. She is gathering information from a number of Airmen and retirees. Her website is www.JanChurchill.com.

Over 50 percent of wing Airmen new since 9/11/01

Just over 500 Airmen have joined the Delaware Air National Guard in the five years after Sept. 11, 2001; over 400 enlisted Airmen and nearly 100 officers who joined make up more than half of the current force of over 900 members of the unit. These 500 new Airmen have only known uniformed service during times of combat with Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, in this fully expeditionary era of the Air Force.

Pilot receives Distinguished Flying Cross for action over Afghanistan

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Quick thinking and correct action taken by the aircraft commander and fellow aircrew of a Delaware Air National Guard C-130 transport aircraft in late 2004 have earned the aircraft commander the Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievement in aerial flight.

While a Delaware ANG crew was flying a combat mission in Afghanistan in Nov. 2004, the C-130 aircraft received hostile ground fire. The aircraft commander, pilot Maj. Pat Houtman, along with co-pilot Maj. Joe Berti, navigator Lt. Col. John Ptak, loadmaster Master Sgt. Bill Wilmer, loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Mike Soltow, and flight engineer Master Sgt. Hal Wagner worked as a team when the threat was recognized. Maj. Houtman was a key player in first detecting the hostile ground fire and then initiating evasive maneuvers.

In a base ceremony Sept. 10 the 166th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Bruce Thompson, awarded the DFC to Maj. Houtman. Col. Thompson said, "The aircrew behaved calmly and coolly under adverse conditions. They demonstrated teamwork in recognizing a prob-

lem and working collectively as a team to defeat a threat to the aircraft. A lot of our aircrew have flown together so long that they can almost read each other's minds. This aircrew took expeditious corrective action to ensure the safety of the six person aircrew, 10 passengers, aircraft and cargo. This award underscores the sound Air Force training and high quality of the airmanship skills exhibited by the aircraft commander and the aircrew. All credit is due to the concerted efforts of the entire aircrew who handled

their responsibilities flawlessly."

This is the first known DFC awarded to a member serving in the unit at the time of the actions recognized in the award in the 60 year history of the Delaware ANG. Before they joined the unit, Retired Brig. Gen. Frank Pontelandolfo and Col. Karl Kromer received the DFC for actions taken while in the active duty Air Force serving in Vietnam. Also, Delaware Army Guard members received the DFC for actions taken while flying helicopters.



Photo courtesy U.S. Air Force

L to R: Co-pilot Maj. Joe Berti, a resident of Browns Mills, N.J., loadmaster Master Sgt. Bill Wilmer, a resident of Earleville, Md., loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Mike Soltow, a resident of Newark, Del., navigator Lt. Col. John Ptak, a resident of Wilmington, Del., flight engineer Master Sgt. Hal Wagner, a resident of Deptford, N.J., and aircraft commander and pilot Maj. Pat Houtman, a resident of Newark, Del. (actual photo date is Nov. 2004).

AMC commander: Global mobility aircraft saving lives in Iraq

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Mobility aircraft in Iraq and Afghanistan are helping keep Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors out of harm's way.

During the Air Force Association's 2006 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition held in Washington Sept. 26, Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander, said C-130 Hercules aircraft are now perform-

ing missions that used to be performed by military members on the ground.

Army Gen. John P. Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command, had asked AMC to help find a way to get supply convoys off the roads, General McNabb said. The much-needed, slow-moving convoys have proven easy targets for insurgents in Iraq. The general told conference attendees AMC had a solution.

"We started using the C-130s," he said. "We are going to carry everybody

by air now. We are not going to do any buses. We had 63 C-130s in theater and they just started doing all the routes that used to be done traditionally by ground convoy or buses. Then we said we'll get C-130s to carry passengers and we will institute theater direct delivery."

According to General McNabb, by using C-130s to move cargo that used to be moved by ground convoys, the Air Force has taken some 9,000 personnel a month out of harm's way.

Softball team retains national crown!

By Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Kimmel
166th Mission Support Flight and Team
Coach, Delaware Air National Guard 45-
and-over softball team

The Delaware Air National Guard's 45-and-over softball team remains the ANG National Champion after defeating three other air guard teams at the 41st annual ANG Softball Tournament held in Knoxville, Tenn. Aug. 16-20, 2006.

Delaware's 45 and over team became the National Champion in 2003 in Dayton, Ohio. Since then, no team has defeated them for this title.

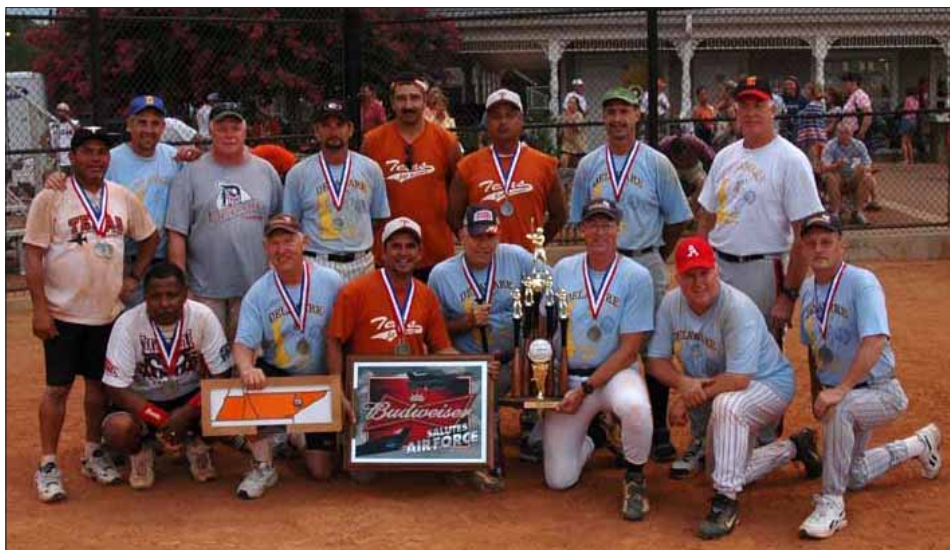
The Delaware team, whose players ranged in age from 45 to 68, took on teams from Tennessee, Harrisburg, Pa., and Ohio and defeated all of them.

Delaware suffered only one loss to Ohio when Delaware could not field a full team, sending them to the loser's bracket. But Delaware came back, handily defeated all the teams in the loser's bracket to face Ohio for the final match and the title on Aug. 19.

Delaware won the game 26 to 7, scoring 26 runs on 32 hits with a team batting average of 0.712. Ohio was limited to 7 runs.

The final win was just another indicator of the power the team displayed throughout the tournament, where Delaware gave up 47 runs in five games, and scored 85 runs.

Delaware's 45-plus team was comprised of myself, Sgt. Curt Kimmel, team coach, plus Senior Master Sgt.



Courtesy photo

L to R, front row (kneeling): Pete Martin, Ga. ANG, Charlie McCall, Del. ANG (Ret.), Issac Garza, Texas ANG, John Duffey, Del. ANG, Curt Kimmel, Del. ANG, Eddie Porter, Ark. ANG, and Steve Merkel, Del. ANG. **L to R, back row (standing):** Rudy Zapata, Texas ANG, Dane Glisan, Md. ANG, Rich "Bones" Celia, Vt. ANG, Rick Thomas, Ga. ANG, Raulo Elizondo, Texas ANG, Roland Dominguez, Texas ANG, Rich Cioffi, Vt. ANG, and Henry "Hammer" Culley, Del. ANG.

John Duffy, Master Sgt. Henry "Hammer" Culley, Master Sgt. Steve Merkel and Charlie McCall, Retired DE ANG. The team included members from Vt., Md., Ark., Texas, Ga., and Calif. units. Player substitutions and enhancements are permitted by the rules, and used by other less than complete nine-player teams.

During the match with Tennessee, Henry Cully hammered a grand slam over the left field fence. Tennessee took no chances after that and walked him the rest of the game.

Delaware ANG Softball teams have a history of dominance over two decades.

Players in the 1980's are now in their 40's, 50's and even 60's.

We're looking for some of those members to come out of retirement and play 45-and-over softball. I believe these players still have the skills but might be a step or two slower, which is fine since the other teams are in the same condition.

Even though several team members were injured in this year's tournament, they played through the pain and gave their all.

Our goal is to take more Delaware players to the tournament in Calif. next year and continue the winning streak.



Courtesy photo

Stay safe inside and outside the gate

Wing Safety Officer Maj. Craig Conrad reminds everyone that 13 people in the Air Mobility Command have been killed in motorcycle accidents this year, and the number one killer of troops in the United

Wing Safety NCO Tech. Sgt. Gwyn Martin, center, with security force Airman First Class Robert Hanna and Staff Sgt. Tamika Gadsden

States are deaths while operating a motorcycle. Wing Vice Commander Col. Daniel Van Wyk reminded all of our current string of days without an off base accident, and asked for continued attention to be safe when we leave the base. Wing Commander Col. Bruce Thompson said a safety mindset imposed on base should be carried with us off base.

Health screening exams save lives

Learn from one of our recently retired Chiefs

By Col. John Mulvey, M.D.

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I just got off the phone with Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Minner, who worked for several decades in maintenance. He has a message he'd like to assure all our members of the 166th hear.

Certain health screening examinations that everyone needs after the age of 40 or 50 are not required in the exam we do at the clinic, and you need to be sure you have a primary care doc who can arrange this testing for you.

Two excellent examples of these screening tests are **PSA testing for prostate cancer**, and **colonoscopy screening for colon cancer**. Another recent change is **mammograms to detect breast cancer**; none of these screening exams are required by our regulations, but you REALLY want them.

Just ask Chief Minner, who just had prostate cancer detected, and will likely be cured due to finding this tumor early with a PSA test.

The reason we no longer screen for these diseases is that we are not a treatment facility. The purpose of your physical here is solely to determine your abil-

ity to go to war, not how long you will live free of cancer or other preventable diseases. Screening tests, such as PSA testing or colonoscopy screening, are only helpful if there is a treating doctor to interpret the result, and initiate the proper treatment if needed. Since Guard medical units are not allowed to start that treatment, everyone in the unit needs to have their own doctor to take care of these screening exams. Please don't make the mistake of considering your Periodic Health Assessment to be your annual Health maintenance exam that your personal physician carries out.

PSA testing is recommended by several, but not all, medical authorities in men beginning at age 50. It is a blood test that can detect early prostate cancer, but in many cases it detects cancer that would not have been a problem. Every man around this age needs to have a discussion with his personal physician about getting this test done.

Colonoscopy is a screening examination looking for **colon cancer**. It involves sedating you, then placing a flexible fiber optic scope up into your colon from the rectum. The entire colon, all three feet of it, can then be examined for polyps, which are tiny, mushroom-like growths on the wall of the colon. Certain polyps are precancerous, and re-

moving them through the scope cures cancer even before it becomes cancer! If you have no polyps, you generally do not need another scope for 10 years. If you have polyps found, in most cases you will need another scope in one-five years, depending on the type of polyp.

Annual or semiannual mammography is capable of detecting breast cancer early enough to cure it, especially when combined with monthly self breast examination. A woman's doctor can show her how to perform this exam at the time of her pap smear (another screening test, this one for cervical cancer, that is no longer required, but you really want). The best time to check is right after your period, because the normal lumps and bumps are smallest then. By checking monthly, you will in short order become an expert on what your breasts feel like; so if you develop a new lump, you'll feel it long before anyone else does. And then we'll be able to cure another cancer!

So please don't let these exams go. Everyone in this unit deserves their own personal physician. Make sure you have yours, and go see them periodically, so if you develop a problem, it can be picked up and resolved while it's just a little, early problem, rather than waiting until it becomes a big, ugly problem.

Detect, treat prostate cancer

These web sites provide readable, reliable and concise information to help people learn about prostate cancer:

The first site is the National Cancer Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, and in particular the Prostate Cancer link, and The Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Test: Questions and Answers link: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/prostate>, and <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Detection/PSA>.

The second is the Federal Drug Administration site: http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/1998/598_pros.html

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Minner, shown here on Dec. 5, 2004 at the Assistant Adjutant General for Air Change of Command ceremony in the main hanger, wants every unit Airman and his or her family to stay healthy, longer.

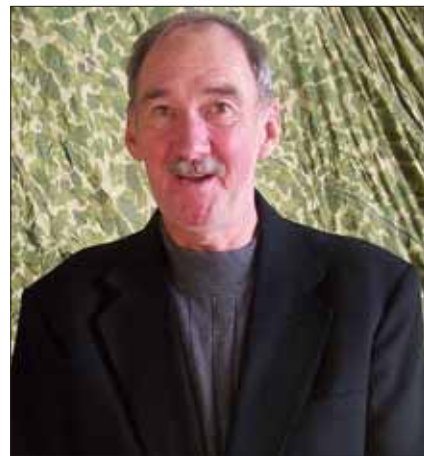


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Planning Oct. 14 Delaware Air Guard Open House and Air Show

L to R: Lt. Col. Joe Berti, aerial events coordinator or "air boss," Lt. Col. Stephen Caton, air show director, and Retired Col. Jim Scott, former F-86 pilot and unit group operations officer (equivalent to operations group commander today) meet Aug. 22 to review the list of aircraft that will be on hand at New Castle Airport to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the unit. Col. Scott is the air show narrator and vintage aircraft coordinator.

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